

CLAIMS

1. Cladding apparatus for covering the junction between adjacent cladding portions of a building including:
 - an elongate body member having an inner surface and an outer surface, each surface extending between opposed ends and opposed elongate side edges of the body member;
 - mounting means associated with at least one of said adjacent cladding portions and adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting portion provided on said inner surface;
 - complementary inter-engaging means provided on respective said opposed ends and permitting substantially weatherproof engagement between adjacent body members when laid in longitudinal sequence.
2. Cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said adjacent cladding portions are a roof and a wall.
3. Cladding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the body member portion overlying said roof is adapted to impede the ingress of weather under said body member in use.
4. Cladding apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the adaptation of said body member portion overlying said roof is a flange dependent toward said roof from, and extending along, said elongate edge, said roof being provided with an elongate roof batten sealingly supported on said roof, said roof batten including an upper surface against which the inner surface of said body member bears in use, one or both of said inner surface and upper surface being provided with one or more elongate grooves forming in use a moisture excluding labyrinth between said inner surface and said upper surface.
5. Cladding apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said roof comprises a shingle laid roof, said roof batten having a profile selected to conform to said shingle laid roof.

6. Cladding apparatus according to any one of claims 4 and 5, wherein said flange in use has its lower edge clear of said roof, so as not to interfere with intimate contact of said upper and inner surfaces.
7. Cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said mounting means comprises a mounting batten secured to one or both of said adjacent cladding portions.
8. Cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said mounting portion and mounting means are provided with complementary profiles permitting snap-in connection therebetween.
9. Cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said mounting portion and mounting means are provided with complementary profiles permitting connection therebetween by longitudinally sliding said mounting portion on said mounting means.
10. Cladding apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said mounting portion and mounting means are substantially continuous along their respective lengths, whereby said body members are sequentially installed by sliding from one end of said mounting batten.
11. Cladding apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said mounting portion and mounting means are complementarily interrupted whereby said body members may be sequentially installed by offering up said body members to said batten intermediate its ends and sliding said body members into engagement with said batten.
12. Cladding apparatus according to any one of claims 9 to 11, wherein said complementary profiles comprise a longitudinal bolt and track pair.
13. Cladding apparatus according to any one of claims 9 to 12, wherein a said longitudinal edge adjacent said mounting portion includes a flange dependent toward

said cladding from, and extending along, said elongate edge, to substantially conceal said mounting means in use.

14. Cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said complementary inter-engaging means provided on respective said opposed ends comprise an overlapping skirt portion on one said end and an underlying skirt portion on the other said end.

15. Cladding apparatus according to claim 14, wherein mating faces of said overlapping skirt portion and said underlying skirt portion are provided with complementary surface features cooperating in use to form a weather impeding labyrinth.

16. Cladding apparatus for covering the junction between a roof and a fascia including:

an elongate body member having an inner surface and an outer surface, each surface extending between opposed ends and opposed elongate side edges of the body member, a body member portion overlying said roof having a flange dependent toward said roof from, and extending along, said elongate edge, said opposed ends respectively comprising an overlapping skirt portion on one said end and an underlying skirt portion on the other said end permitting substantially weatherproof engagement between adjacent body members when laid in longitudinal sequence;

an elongate roof batten sealingly supported on said roof, said roof batten including an upper surface against which the inner surface of said body member bears in use, one or both of said inner surface and upper surface being provided with one or more elongate grooves forming in use a moisture excluding labyrinth between said inner surface and said upper surface;

mounting means associated with said fascia and adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting portion provided on said inner surface, said mounting portion and mounting means being substantially continuous along their respective lengths and provided with complementary profiles permitting connection therebetween by longitudinally sliding said mounting portion on said mounting means by sliding from one end of said mounting batten.

17. A cladding member according to any one of the preceding claims wherein said adjacent cladding portions form intersecting planes and wherein the body member comprises a pair of webs each adapted to overlie a respective said cladding portion in use, said webs being separated by curved portion adapted to overlie said junction.

18. A cladding member comprising:
a substantially planar body having inner and outer faces;
a web extending outwardly from a first end of the inner face of said body;
a first projection extending from said web along said body; and
a second projection extending outwardly from a second end of the inner face of said body.

19. A cladding system for removably attaching a cladding member to a cladding surface including:
a longitudinal commencing batten member attachable to the cladding surface said member having means lying in a first plane for inter-engagement with a first portion of the cladding member; and
at least one longitudinal connecting batten member attachable to a cladding surface having means lying in a second plane disposed at an angle to said first plane, for inter-engagement with a second portion of said cladding member and having means lying in a plane disposed parallel to said first plane for inter-engagement with a portion of an adjacent cladding member.

AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. Cladding apparatus for covering the junction between a roof and a fascia of a building and including:

an elongate body member having an inner surface and an outer surface, each surface extending between opposed ends and opposed elongate side edges of the body member;

a mounting batten associated with said fascia and adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting portion provided on said inner surface;

complementary inter-engaging means provided on respective said opposed ends and permitting substantially weatherproof engagement between adjacent body members when laid in longitudinal sequence.

2. Cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the body member portion overlying said roof is adapted to impede the ingress of weather under said body member in use.

3. Cladding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the adaptation of said body member portion overlying said roof is a flange dependent toward said roof from, and extending along, said elongate edge, said roof being provided with an elongate roof batten sealingly supported on said roof, said roof batten including an upper surface against which the inner surface of said body member bears in use, one or both of said inner surface and upper surface being provided with one or more elongate grooves forming in use a moisture excluding labyrinth between said inner surface and said upper surface.

4. Cladding apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said roof comprises a shingle laid roof, said roof batten having a profile selected to conform to said shingle laid roof.

5. Cladding apparatus according to any one of claims 3 and 4, wherein said flange in use has its lower edge clear of said roof, so as not to interfere with intimate contact of said upper and inner surfaces.

6. Cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are provided with complementary profiles permitting snap-in connection therebetween.

7. Cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are provided with complementary profiles permitting connection therebetween by longitudinally sliding said mounting portion on said mounting batten.

8. Cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are substantially continuous along their respective lengths, whereby said body members are sequentially installed by sliding from one end of said mounting batten.

9. Cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are complementarily interrupted whereby said body members may be sequentially installed by offering up said body members to said batten intermediate its ends and sliding said body members into engagement with said batten.

10. Cladding apparatus according to any one of claims 7 to 9, wherein said complementary profiles comprise a longitudinal bolt and track pair.

11. Cladding apparatus according to any one of claims 7 to 10, wherein a said longitudinal edge adjacent said mounting portion includes a flange dependent toward said cladding from, and extending along, said elongate edge, to substantially conceal said mounting batten in use.

12. Cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said complementary inter-engaging means provided on respective said opposed ends comprise an overlapping skirt portion on one said end and an underlying skirt portion on the other said end.

13. Cladding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein mating faces of said overlapping skirt portion and said underlying skirt portion are provided with complementary surfaces features cooperating in use to form a weather impeding labyrinth.

14. Cladding apparatus for covering the junction between a roof and a fascia including:

an elongate body member having an inner surface and an outer surface, each surface extending between opposed ends and opposed elongate side edges of the body member, a body member portion overlying said roof having a flange dependent toward said roof from, and extending along, said elongate edge, said opposed ends respectively comprising an overlapping skirt portion on one said end and an underlying skirt portion on the other said end permitting substantially weatherproof engagement between adjacent body members when laid in longitudinal sequence;

an elongate roof batten sealingly supported on said roof, said roof batten including an upper surface against which the inner surface of said body member bears in use, one or both of said inner surface and upper surface being provided with one or more elongate grooves forming in use a moisture excluding labyrinth between said inner surface and said upper surface;

a mounting batten associated with said fascia and adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting portion provided on said inner surface, said mounting portion and mounting batten being substantially continuous along their respective lengths and provided with complementary profiles permitting connection therebetween by longitudinally sliding said mounting portion on said mounting batten by sliding from one end of said mounting batten.

15. A cladding member according to any one of the preceding claims wherein said adjacent cladding portions form intersecting planes and wherein the body member comprises a pair of webs each adapted to overlie a respective said cladding portion in use, said webs being separated by curved portion adapted to overlie said junction.

16. A cladding member comprising:
a substantially planar body having inner and outer faces;
a web extending outwardly from a first end of the inner face of said body;
a first projection extending from said web along said body; and
a second projection extending outwardly from a second end of the inner face of said body.

17. A cladding system for removably attaching a cladding member to a cladding surface including:
a longitudinal commencing batten member attachable to the cladding surface said member having means lying in a first plane for inter-engagement with a first portion of the cladding member; and
at least one longitudinal connecting batten member attachable to a cladding surface having means lying in a second plane disposed at an angle to said first plane, for inter-engagement with a second portion of said cladding member and having means lying in a plane disposed parallel to said first plane for inter-engagement with a portion of an adjacent cladding member.